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Subscriptions received by the printer, and most of the postmasters in the state.

All letters upon business relative to the paper must be post-paid.

Gentlemen of leisure, who possess a taste for literary pursuits, are invited to favour us with communications.

A Presbyterian Camp-meeting will commence on the Thursday before the last Sunday in this month, at the Hawfield meeting-house, in this county, 12 miles from Hillsborough, on the road leading from Hillsborough to Murphree's mill. The friends of Zion are requested to attend. A number of ministers are expected.

July 16th, 1822.

CAMP-MEETINGS.

THE following Camp-Meetings will be held in Neuse District: The 1st at Salem meeting-house, in Orange county, 15 miles from Hillsborough, to commence the 22d, and conclude the 26th of August; the 2d, six miles south of Raleigh, near the main stage road, will commence the 5th, and continue till the 9th September; the 3d, at Mount Pleasant meeting-house, in Chatham county, 10 miles from Chapel Hill, to begin the 12th, and end the 16th of September; the 4th at Kingswood meeting house, in Granville county, 13 miles from Oxford, and 30 from Raleigh, to commence the 26th, and continue till the 30th of September; and on Thursday the 29th of August, a Local Conference, for said District, will commence in Raleigh, to which the Local Preachers, within the bounds of the district, are respectfully invited.

Wm. Compton.

July 10, 1822.

CAMP-MEETINGS.

A CAMP-MEETING will commence on Saturday the 20th of July, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, in Surry county, about three miles north west of Jonesville, for Irredell circuit, and conclude on the Wednesday following.

A Camp-Meeting will commence on Saturday the 3d of August, at three o'clock in the afternoon, in Caswell county, three or four miles north west of McCaul's store, and one mile west of the Rev. James Bouldin's, at a new meeting house called Prospect, for Caswell circuit, and conclude the Wednesday following.

The Yadkin District Conference will commence on Wednesday the 14th of August, at Mount Zion meeting house, in the lower part of Stokes county. At the same time and place a Camp-Meeting will be held for Guilford circuit.

The editor of the Star will please to insert the above appointments in his paper.

LEWIS SKIDMORE

June 15.

The North-Carolina Baptist society for Foreign and Domestic Missions will convene at Raleigh, on Saturday the 3d day of August, at 11 o'clock A.M., and continue three days.

The Country-Line Association will convene at Harmony, alias Campbell's Meeting-house, ten miles north west of Hillsborough, on Saturday the 17th of August, and continue three days.

The above meetings will commence with public preaching, which will continue from day to day during their sitting.

July 3.

FOR SALE.

THE subscriber offers for sale the large and convenient dwelling house and lot where he now lives, in the town of Hillsborough. The lot contains an acre of ground. The house contains eight rooms, well finished, with a large garret room; adjoining the house is a dining room, 30 by 16 feet, well finished. The other improvements on the lot are a kitchen, smoke house, barn, stable, carriage house, &c. and a well of excellent water within a few feet of the kitchen door. It would form an eligible situation for a large family, or any person disposed to keep a private boarding house.

The terms will be accommodating. Any application by mail, for further and more particular information, will be attended to without delay.

John Witherspoon.

July 16.

The editor of the Raleigh Register is requested to publish the above in his paper for eight weeks.

Hillsborough Academy. THE fall session of the Hillsborough Academy, will commence on the first Monday after the fourth of July, and terminate on the fourth Saturday in November, under the care of

John Rogers, Principal.

June 23.

Land to be Leased.

THE land in the Haw Fields, belonging to the heirs of the late Wm. F. Strudwick, will be leased out for one and five years, on Tuesday the 28th August, 1822. Terms made known at the time, and attendance given, at the Market House in Hillsborough, by

James Webb,
Guardian.
27-1m

July 17.

NOTICE.

BY virtue of a deed of trust executed to the subscribers by John Thompson, we shall proceed to sell, on Thursday the 15th of August next, at the house of the said Thompson, all his perishable estate, to wit: six head of Horses, six Beds and Furniture, one Wagon and Gear, his Farming tools; stock of Cattle, Hogs, Sheep Hay, Oats, Wheat, old Corn, and the corn now growing, which will be sold in lots in the field; and many other articles too tedious to mention. Also the plantation will be rented out for one year. Twelve months credit will be given; bond and approved security will be required.

All those indebted to the said John Thompson, are requested to make payment to the subscribers immediately, or they will be called on by an officer.

Enoch Thompson, } Trustees.
John Young, }
July 9. 27-5w

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining at the Post-Office in Chapel-Hill, N. C., July 1, 1822.

A John Allison, Wm. Armstrong, Wm. Anderson, Flisha Bevill, Robert H. Bonthe, Fearrington Burnett, John B. Bowers, Samuel Brewer, C Thomas Coulter, Benjamin Cole, Andrew M. Craig, John G. Chalmers, Joseph W. Clay, D Charles D. Donoho, Richard Davis, E Richard Edwards, F Richard L. Fearn, Edward Field, G Josiah T. Granberry, Mrs. Gilmore, H George Herndon, John Herndon, Jane G. Hall, Miss Ann Harvey, I George Tarry, Miss Mary M. Trice, J Wm. P. Williamson, K Henry Thompson, P. M. Chapel Hill, July 5. 26-

Land for Sale.

OFFER for sale the tract of land wherein I now live, containing

One hundred & forty Acres.

with a good dwelling house, kitchen, barn and other out houses; also a good apple orchard, and a small peach orchard; lying about six miles south west from Hillsborough. I will take a wagon in part pay, and will give two years credit for part of the money.

Burrus Estis.

Orange county, July 5. 26-3w

NOTICE.

STRAYED or stolen from the subscriber, living in Granville county, nine miles west of Oxford, on the 1st of May last, a small gray Mare, nine years old, branded with the letter T on the left shoulder, shot all round when escaped from me. A liberal reward will be given for the delivery of said mare, or information so that I get her again, and all reasonable expenses paid.

William Jackson.

July 6. 26-3wp

GRAVE STONES.

THE subscriber has received seven or eight pair of handsome stones, for graves, from two to four feet long, faced and headed sufficiently wide to receive any inscription usually put on grave stones. Those wishing to procure such an article can have the inscription put on it in a handsome manner by the subscriber; and if none now on hand should please those who want, almost any size can be obtained at short notice.

The stones were taken from a quarry about eighteen miles below this place, and are of a light grey colour, but little inferior to marble, and will cost from four to ten dollars per pair, exclusive of lettering. Specimens of the same and lettering can be seen on application.

Wm. Huntington.

May 14. 18-

ALEXANDER & HARRISON,

HAVE on hand the following articles, which they will sell at very reduced prices to suit the times.

Bat Saddles, cut back trees, at \$16 00 cash. Plated Gig Harness, 40 00 Common ditto, 25 00 Plated Carriage Harness, elegant, 85 00 Common ditto, 55 00 Breach bands, by the pair, 8 50 Blind stirrups, 2 25

and all other articles in proportion. They will also credit their work six and twelve months, at a moderate advance on the above prices, or receive in payment any kind of produce. Their shop is on Queen Street over Dr. Webb's medical shop.

George Allen

P. S. Purchasers can have the refusal of my corn, wheat and oat crops.

Hawfields, Orange county, May 3. 21-1a

FRESH IMPORTED GOODS.

H. G. & Wm. H. Bowers,
PETERSBURG.

HAVE just received from New York, by the schooners Phoenix and Belvidere, fifty-one packages, comprising an extensive and elegant assortment of

STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS.

adapted to the summer sales, which have been purchased on the best terms, and are offered for sale cheap for cash, or approved credit.

Petersburg, Va. June 15, 1822. 25-1m

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A David B. Alsobrook, Joseph Alison, P. P. Ashe, Mrs. Susan Aspin, James Andrews, James Atkinson, B Mr. Bruce, 2 James Bird, David G. Brandon, Esq. Miss Sarah W. Bryant, Col. Joseph Moore, Green Bowers, Wm. Baldwin, Robert Brinkley, Mark Barber, Andrew Burns, Manse Benosett, Warren Ball, Henry Berry Ransom Ballin, Charles Bruce, Rachel Brase, Lydia Badger, C The honorable Circuit Court, clerk of Hillsborough district Clerk of Orange county, Betsy Cate, Robert Cross, Robert Gates, Ephraim Cook, John W. Carden, Hugh Cain, James Childs, John R. Cummings, Martin Craft, William Cabe, Charles Cox, Thomas Christian, Willis Carroll, Abram Crabtree, Branch Chalkley, Catherine Collins, John Carrington, 2 D Susan Durham, Rebecca Dickey, Wm. E. Derrick, Zachariah Dickey, Mrs. Devereux, Judge Donnell, Edward Davis, Elizabeth J. Dodson, E John Ephian, William Cain, sen. Burris Estis, F David Sanders, John Sprout, David L. Swain, Richard Smith, Honora M. Salander, Gray Sills, 2 G Prestly Rottenberry, Jane Reives, Charles L. Ridley, H George Oldham, Holady R. Oldham, I John M. Pearson, R Prestly Rottenberry, Jane Reives, Charles L. Ridley, S David Sanders, John Sprout, David L. Swain, Richard Smith, Honora M. Salander, Gray Sills, 2 T George Tarry, Miss Mary M. Trice, W Robert P. Williamson, K John Umsted, Halling Usher, V Howel T. Hicks, John Horn, John Haywood, Morgan Hart, Isaac Holt, Alex G. Hall, Wm. Huntington, 2 Archibald Haralson, Elizabeth R. Hage, John H. Hill, Ann J. Hill, James Hart, Frederick Horner, George Horner, R. L. Cook, P. M. July 8. 26-

Land for Sale.

THE subscriber, wishing to remove to the westward, will, on Tuesday the 30th of July next, offer for sale to the highest bidder, his plantations, containing

Six hundred and fifty Acres,

lying in the county of Orange, one mile west of the Hawfields meeting-house, and three miles east of Murphree's mills, on the post road leading from Hillsborough to Salem. The situation is as healthy as any in the state, affording excellent water, and accommodated with a commodious dwelling house with seven rooms and three fire-places, also a store-house, and all necessary out houses, with a good barn and stables. The land is as well adapted for the culture of corn, wheat, rye, and tobacco, as any in this section of the state, and is well timbered; a sufficient quantity is cleared for eight or ten working hands, comprising eight or ten acres of meadow of a superior quality, and good orchards. All of which the subscriber will sell on that day, either in one, two, or three tracts, to suit purchasers, one half of the payments will be cash or likely negroes on taking possession, for the other half a credit of twelve months will be given, or negroes in payment for the whole will suit the subscriber. Gentlemen from the eastern part of the state wishing to purchase are invited to come and view the premises.

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posed to rescue them from the consequences of a repetition of the fatal experiment. Of the remaining children, one took the small pox after vaccination, and went through it in that mild and mitigated form, which stamps a value upon this resource as real in the eye of reason and sound philosophy, as when it prevents the malady altogether.

We have contended, Sir, for this its merit with all the powers of our understanding, and with all that fair and just pretension to convince others to which we are entitled, by being firmly and sincerely convinced ourselves. Nor shall we relax in our efforts to promote its adoption, but continue to exert the influence which the benevolent designs of parliament, in establishing this board, have given us, for extending the benefits of this salutary practice.

That the blessing is not yet absolutely perfect, we are ready to admit; but when we compare it with inoculation for the small pox, the only alternative, we have no hesitation in stating, that the comparison affords an irresistible proof of its superior claims to regard; for we learn from ample experience, that the number of cases of small pox, in the safe form which it is found to assume after vaccination, is by no means equal to the number of deaths by inoculation; an evidence quite irrefragable, and as it appears to us decisive as to the incalculable advantages to the practice of the first over that of the latter method.

The number of persons who have died of small pox this year within the bills of mortality is only 508; not more than two-thirds of the number who fell a sacrifice to that disease the year before; and as in our last report we had the satisfaction of stating that more persons had been vaccinated during the preceding than in any former twelve months, we flatter ourselves that this diminution of the number of deaths from small pox may fairly be attributed to the wider diffusion of vaccination.

HENRY HALIFORD, President.
ALFRED FRAMPTON,
THOMAS HUME,
CHARLES BADHAM,
ROBERT LLOYD,
EVERARD HOME,
WILLIAM BLIZARD,
HENRY CLINE,

Censors of the
Royal College
of Physicians.
Master of the Royal
College of Surgeons.
Governor of the
Royal College
of Surgeons.

By order of the board,
JAMES HERVEY, M. D. Registrar.

of great bodily power, pleasing address, handsome appearance, and prompt in business.

A respectable Spanish officer furnishes the facts on which this note is predicated.

Nashville Clarion.

From the Baltimore Morning Chronicle.

FAVOURABLE OMENS.

One orator in the east, while delivering an oration on the anniversary of our national independence, has, by way of episode we presume, interwoven an account of the far famed duel, between Cummins and M'Duffie. In the language of the editor of the Journal, "he thought that after they had amused the public so long with their intended meeting, they ought in honor, not to have so miserably disappointed them; but to have fought until society was favoured with the loss of one of them at least." Our friend Charles Miner, of the Village Record, asserts

"The impression left on the mind is, that Mr. M'D. was not as cool as a cucumber—and that if Col. C. wrote the note, he yet thirsts with savage vengeance for the blood of his adversary. This duelling is a villainous practice—it neither marks the brave nor the great man—it settles nothing, but who is the most expert marksman—it is disgraceful to civilized man—and infinitely disreputable to a Christian community—a stain and a blot upon the age in which we live—which ought, and since the late disgraceful affair, can be put down. After all their blustering, Cummins never will be a major general, nor M'Duffie secretary of war."

The editor of the Boston Centinel, thus notices the duel.

"That the reflecting part of society have been of opinion that which ever of the parties fell, the country would be rid of a man, who could carry malice and murder in his heart for half a year, and at the end of it, in opposition to all entreaties, set the laws of God and of his country at defiance."

In short, we hardly take up a paper from any part of the continent, that does not give evidence of the most provoking good humour on this subject: it seems a point in which all parties cordially concur, as if by unanimous consent, to laugh. The anticipated tragedy has ended in such a broad farce, that it reminds us of a story which we once heard of a theatrical representation. In the depth of a painful tragedy, the ghost of the murdered lady was to appear upon the stage. She entered at the proper season, and moved majestically along, her white garment stained with blood. In the midst of all this, the ghost was suddenly afflicted with a tooth-ache, and began to call most lustily for the Doctor to bring his nippers. Now, if such outrageous imitations of law and justice, had been spoken of a century ago with the freedom that this duel has been, how many valuable lives would have been saved to our country. Names honoured in the history of America, would not have been dragged from the sanctity of domestic retirement, from the bosoms of their wives and families by the demon of revenge, and hurled bleeding, mangled and butchered corpses into their graves. The murderer would not have walked our streets with impunity, and have obtruded his blood-stained visage into the circles of fashion, and set common decency at defiance.

Such are the consequences of speaking in such terms of plaintive eulogy of a man who falls in a duel. It is not too late to reform the barbarous practice now. These two famous duellists, who would admit of no mediation, who refused all compromise, have done, although unintentionally, a real permanent service to their country; they have brought ridicule, contempt and scorn, upon a custom which had before set law and decency equally at defiance. The public have been taught to laugh heartily, instead of shedding unavailing tears at the issue of the contest. It was that tear, that misapplied sensibility, that gave to duelling its sanction: now let every future duellist receive the same reception from the public that the present duellists have done, and we shall not in future hear of so many wives made widows, and children orphans. The moral sense of our countrymen is gaining its proper ascendancy.

We see what the consequences have already been of suffering honor, as it has been falsely called, to erase one commandment from the decalogue. It softens, it is said, the asperities of our conversation, and puts a guard upon the tongue—no, it converts the hall of national legislation into a bear garden, and identifies the character of a statesman with that of a bull baiter: it renders no other qualification requisite for the field or for the cabinet, than a murderous heart, and the instruments of assassin-

sation: the murderer proves his title to our confidence by doing a deed for which justice dooms him to the gallows.

Foreign Intelligence.

Latest from Europe.

New-York, July 13.

By the ships Euphrates, Stoddart, and Hercules, Gardner, arrived here this morning from Liverpool, the editors of the Commercial Advertiser have received regular files of London papers to the evening of the 6th, Liverpool of the 8th, Lloyd's Lists of the 4th, and Shipping Lists, &c. of the 6th June; also, London and Liverpool papers, received by the Rasselias, at Boston, to the 7th June, transmitted by our attentive Boston correspondent.

Intelligence was received in London, on the 6th June, from almost every part of the continent of Europe. It supplied the usual quantity of contradictory rumors relative to

RUSSIA AND TURKEY, which leaves us as much in the dark as ever as to the ulterior designs of these rival powers.—The latest accounts from St. Petersburg, are of the 15th May, at which period M. de Tatischeff had been a fortnight in the Russian capital, without any appearance of a change in the state of relations with the Sublime Porte; although a belief was said to be entertained in favour of a continuation of peace. A letter from Odessa of the 7th May, states "that there seems no probability, since the mission of M. de Tatischeff, of a war with the Turks." Similar expectations are held out in accounts from the same quarter of the 10th of that month; and the exchanges are stated to have improved four per cent. in consequence.

So much for the pacific side of the question. As to the prospect of war, the latest French papers confidently assert that no doubt can possibly be entertained on the subject. It appears pretty certain, and is said not to be denied by those who persist in the belief of peace, that the Russian troops had actually marched into Moldavia. It is, however, added, that the occupation of that province was only temporary, and would be held as a pledge of the pacific intentions of Turkey. In reply it is remarked, that the consent of Austria having been obtained, it would be difficult for the Porte to consider such provisional occupation in any other light than an act of hostility. Between these contradictory statements we confess ourselves unable to decide as to the result. The affairs between these powers may, perhaps, with the greatest truth, be considered in *situs quo*.

GREECE.

Accounts from Smyrna of the 18th April say, the Turks who landed at Scio, had shed so much blood that they had given courage to the vanquished. After stating, that 12,000 dead bodies of Christians, of all ages, and both sexes, were lying in the streets, squares and environs of the city, and that the Turks had 4,000 killed, and 10,000 wounded. The writer remarks, that "the Greeks are now entrenched in the mountainous parts of Scio, whence they will not probably venture, except with a sure prospect of success.—An amnesty had been proposed for the insurgents, and the proposals had been seconded by the agents of France and Austria, who met with a positive refusal. To conquer or die, is the unanimous cry of the whole population. Since then, the standard of the cross boats on all the mountains."

PERSIA.

It is asserted, in advices from the Turkish frontiers, that the Persians insist upon the cession of Armenia, but that the Porte had avoided giving any reply, in the hope that existing differences might be adjusted through the mediation of England. According to other accounts, said to rest on good authority, the Porte had ordered the Pacha of Bagdad to continue the war with Persia, and not to listen to any proposals for peace.

FRANCE.

The king of France opened the session of the Chambers on the 4th of June, by a speech, which we subjoin. As to Turkey and Russia, he merely expresses a hope that tranquility may be preserved. With regard to France, the speech presents us with a most favourable picture of its continued prosperity; although great care seems to have been taken to discourage all idea of the existence of dissatisfaction with the government of the reigning family.

The French papers continue extremely guarded as to the state of the public mind; which, however, is represented in private letters, as extremely feverish with respect to the Bourbons. A fracas is stated to have taken place at Lyons, on the 10th May, in consequence of hostility displayed to an election return, by a few individuals. The Royalists, who occupied the principal Hotel, called out "Vive le Roi;" on which a mass, of from 6 to 7,000 men, who had assembled in the Place Terreaux, fell on the soldiers, and in some measure overpowered them. The whole afternoon, in every street, was heard the cry of "Down with the Bourbons! Down with the King! Vive la Liberte!"—Pitchers and flower pots were thrown from the windows on the soldiers. Things went on dreadfully

and several persons were killed. Even the life of the Prefect was attempted. It was only possible to still the movement by communicating to the military (3,000 strong) orders to fire on the people. Tranquillity was far from being fully restored when the last accounts came away.

SPAIN.

The advices from Madrid, through the French papers, are of the 24th May. The project of an address to the king of Spain on the state of the nation, was adopted in an extraordinary sitting of the Cortes held on that day. A report of the committee of finance on the marine Budget, was read in the sitting of the 20th. It recommends a navy, "compatible with the mercantile marine, and the resources of the treasury." Twenty seven vessels, of all classes, including 5 ships of the line, and 4 frigates, is the whole marine force proposed. It may be fairly inferred from this limited navy that the Cortes are not very ambitious of reconquering the former transalantic possessions of Spain. A treaty with Portugal is stated to have been signed by Ferdinand, according to which the former is to furnish troops to Spain in the case of need. The commandant general of Cadiz had communicated to the consulate at that place, the contents of a private letter, received from a Lieut. col. of Engineers, at Funchal, dated April 13, which states, that "people's minds in the Canaries were in great agitation, and that every thing announced their desire to proclaim themselves independent."

GREAT BRITAIN.

The British parliament, which had adjourned from the 24th to the 30th of May, met again on the latter day. The second reading of the Catholic bill, was fixed in the house of lords for the 21st June. There appeared no chance, however, of its being carried. Last year there was a majority against it in the upper house of 39; and out of 14 newly elected representative Peers, 10 are said to be hostile to the measure. The Duke of Wellington is stated to have authorised a proxy to vote in favor of the bill.—Sir James Mackintosh, in the house of commons, introduced by an eloquent speech, the following resolution: "that this house do take into its most serious consideration the means of increasing the efficacy of the law by moderating their undue rigor." On taking the sense of the house, the numbers were for the resolution, 117; for the previous question, 101; majority, 16. The Marquis of Londonderry postponed till Friday, the 17th of June, the receiving of the report of the corn importation bill, observing, that it would be the first introduced for discussion on that day. On the motion of Mr. R. Martin, the ill treatment of cattle bill was read a second time, and ordered to be read a third time on Friday.

The Chancellor of the exchequer was expected to retire from his office.

The price of tea had been somewhat affected in the metropolis, owing to the stoppage of trade with the Chinese. The general opinion in London was that the Chinese can as ill spare their trade as the English; and that, consequently, the matter would, ere this, have been overlooked.

Marquis Hastings's return from India is assigned to a general decay of his constitution, and the affliction of an aneurism in the thigh.

The Irish papers continue to be filled with the most affecting narratives of human suffering, arising from the want of food, and the progress of disease. Mr. Kean had determined to devote the produce of his benefit, this year, to the fund for the relief of the distressed peasantry in Ireland.

Aerial Navigation from Bombay to London.—It appears by a certificate published in the Bombay Gazette Extraordinary, by Mr. Warden, chief secretary, that a Mr. T. Boyce had made application to the governor of Bombay, to be allowed to carry the mails, &c. from Bombay to London, by means of a balloon; he professing to have discovered a method of giving horizontal motion in aeronautics. The governor referred Mr. Boyce to the Philosophical Society of Bombay. A Mr. C. Hodgson has also put in his claim for aeronautic fame; and another competitor has appeared in the Calcutta Journal of September 20, where the mode of operation is explained at considerable length. This we candidly confess to be beyond our comprehension.

Liverpool Kaleidoscope.

The following article on the subject of our differences with Russia, is copied from the Liverpool Mercury, of the 21st May.

Russia and the United States.—The Autocrat of Russia, the magnanimous Alexander, not content with his own immense territories in Europe, has put in his claim to the north-west coast of America, from the pole, if it extend so far, down to the fifty-first degree of latitude. His royal ambition is not content with his manorial usurpation of upwards of two thousand miles—and accordingly extends his imperial surveillance over all the sea between the coasts of Asia and America. This sea is about four thousand miles broad; and no vessel except Russian, must presume to approach nearer to the coast than one hundred Italian miles.

This is a subject to which it is probable we shall have frequent occasion to revert; as the wholesale claims of the northern despot, if persisted in, must necessarily lead to maritime war; in which event, England can scarcely remain a passive spectator; and the millions of bayonets of Alexander, will avail little in a contest with the well armed navy of the United States. In another part of our paper we have given a brief view of the correspondence between the Russian ambassador and Mr. Adams—for the present our limits will not allow us to enlarge upon the subject further than to observe, that the question of war and peace will entirely depend upon the will and interest of Russia, without any regard to the honesty of the messenger; as such common place considerations are beneath the notice of so distinguished a member of the Holy Alliance.

From the Baltimore Morning Chronicle.

The last intelligence from the European continent, presents us with nothing so far as regards the Turks and the Russians, but a political chequer board of contradictions. We meet alternately with the words peace and war, displayed alternately along in column after column, so that we are left to take which rumor we please, all which serves to shew the profound and impenetrable mystery with which the negotiation has been conducted.—Facts however are not such equivocal evidences. By the last intelligence, we have been made acquainted with one fact of no equivocal character, and that is the sanguinary and awful butchery perpetrated by the Turks, at the capture of the Island of Scio. Now is this bloody butchery qualified to mitigate the resentment of Alexander? He has demanded of the Turks, as his ultimatum, the rebuilding of the Grecian temples, that they have destroyed. He has felt himself bound as a Christian emperor, to take his Grecian brethren, for they both profess the same religion, by the hand—the Grecian patriarch of the church, at which the Russian monarch worships, resides at Constantinople. Now, when Alexander witnesses in the midst of a negotiation, carried on for the protection of the Greeks, such carnage and massacre as has been displayed at the Island of Scio, can any one believe, that he will flatter this people with his powerful assistance and protection, encourage them as it were, to revolt, and after having thus brought on their heads the vengeance of the Turks, abandon them at such a moment to the ruthless mercy of their enemies? In spite of all the remonstrances of Europe, he has demanded of the Turks, reparation and redress, for the outrages they have committed on the Greeks, and will he be satisfied, to behold them knocked down, and cut up like bullocks at the stalls, and do nothing more than negotiate for their protection? Whatever the English writers may say on this subject, and however they may affect to disbelieve the probability of a war, their own ministry know better—France knows better—Germany knows better, or why are all these powers exerting their confederated strength, to prevent the Russian monarch from entering into this war? They have couriers employed by all these parties at St. Petersburg, and why is every effective engine short of the sword's point, exerted by themselves to defeat the plans of the Russian monarch? Why have they not all been enabled to obtain from the Russian monarch, an explicit declaration, that war was not his object? The answer to all this is, why does Alexander delay? To this we reply that we know not—perhaps he is providing funds—perhaps magazines—perhaps, and he evidently is, stimulating the Persian court, to become a party with him in this war. He may have a thousand motives for delay, of which we on this side of the Atlantic know nothing, and yet be firmly resolved upon war.

From South America.

Proclamation of Iturbide, Emperor of Mexico.

We are indebted to a friend for a series of Vera Cruz newspapers of a late date. Every thing connected with the concerns of Mexico, is now of interest if not of moment to the U. States. The following proclamation of the new emperor of Mexico, forms a pregnant theme for reflection. We must remark, as a plea for the character of our hasty translation of this document, that the original is by no means a specimen of good composition.

Nat. Gaz.

Diario de Vera Cruz, May 29, 1822.

Proclamation of our Emperor, Senor Don Agustin the first.

Inhabitants of the Mexican Empire: The wish to perceive, in addressing you, the tone and confidence of a simple fellow citizen is even yet entertained by him, whom you have been pleased to raise from that class to the imperial dignity. What have you found in your compatriot to render him worthy of an honour so exalted and brilliant? Did you perchance see in him the man, who emancipated the nation from the tyranny of three centuries? Is the crown an offering of gratitude, natural to so magnanimous and generous a people? Yes, certainly. Gratitude, that sentiment which Heaven has implanted in all hearts of this delicious region, never showed itself in greater force than at the

time when our country recognized herself free and independent. From that moment, I was struck with admiration of the thankful feelings of the inhabitants, then were the diadem and obedience rendered to me with free and sincere acclamation, and I would have accepted them at once, making to my country this last sacrifice assuredly the most painful, considering my natural disposition and the object of my wishes since I began to institute comparisons between the disquietudes of the world and the sweets of solitude—had not my very duties and services pledged to the country furnished me with a two-fold motive for refusing her liberal offers. Fixed in the principle that every thing should be given up in country, resolute and consistent in the plan conceived for the recovery of our national independence, and faithful to the treaties concluded at Cordova with a minister of the Spanish government, it will not be said that Iturbide availed himself of the regard of the people, but only to moderate the demonstrations of their love and gratitude. Scarcely had public opinion begun to manifest itself through the press, designating him as the person to wield the sceptre of the empire, when he endeavoured, without delay, to give it a different direction. He declared and proclaimed his own, in public and private as citizen and as magistrate; as one interested in the glory of the nation, and punctilious and delicate in respect to what regarded his personal interests. The laurels that victory which broke the power of the oppressors of his country quietly compassed his brows, and assigned the proper limits to that laudable ambition, which secundates all the virtues. Why then constrain him to ascend the throne, from whose elevation he can no longer view with complacency the services rendered to his country, without feeling himself pressed down by the excess of his recompense? The nation has so willed it; and Iturbide yields her supreme will, now that he ascertains move—that irresistible public pros-

Ob, let this be the glorious foundation of your choice! And, since, fellow citizens, you understand the motives which prompted the acceptance of your favor, at so great a sacrifice of inclination; operate with me to the end that the imperial authority may be constantly directed to the public weal; to the repulse of all dangers which may threaten it, and to the aggrandizement of the empire: above all be persuaded of the very tender affection and cordiality with which the wishes of the nation are gratified by AUGUSTIN.

From the Vera Cruz Gaz. of May 30th 1822.
Oath of the Emperor Augustin the First before the Supreme Congress.

I, Augustin, by divine Providence, and by the nomination of the congress of the representatives of the nation, emperor of Mexico, swear, by God, and the holy evangelists, that I will defend and preserve the Roman Catholic and the Apostolic religion, without permitting any other in the empire; that I will maintain and cause to be maintained the constitution which the said congress will form, and meanwhile the Spanish constitution in such matters as may be expedient; and also, the laws, orders and decrees already issued, or which may hereafter proceed from the said congress, having a view, at all times, to the welfare of the nation; that I will not alienate, cede or dismember any part of the empire that I will not exact produce, money, or aught else, without a decree of the congress; that I will not take from any one his property; and especially that I will respect the political liberty of the nation, and the personal liberty of each individual; and if to what I have sworn or any part thereof, I may act contrary, obedience shall not be due to me, and in such case my acts shall be null and void. Thus may God be my aid and my defence, and if not my demand of me.

JOSE IGNACIO GUTIERREZ.
Deputy Secretary.

Mexico, May 21, 1822.

Ceremonial of Installation, and Oath of the First Mexican Congress, February 24th, 1822.

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which have determined, him to ac-
cept the crown. You are also aware of
our deplorable situation, and the necessity
of escaping from it by whatever
course. Full of virtue and moderation,
you have chosen to pursue the dictates
herent in every free nation, to establish
the form of her government, and to no-
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The national will is respected; and he
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Washington, June 29.

Letters from the city of Mexico, dated in last month, corroborate the intelligence of the late events in that city, which were anticipated by the Aurora, in an extract which we gave yesterday. We had the pleasure of perusing a letter written by Iturbide himself, the Mexican chief, received by a gentleman in this city, dated the 4th of May last, which we think places his patriotic feelings in a favorable light for the lively concern he feels for the independence of every portion of South America.—A good understanding, we believe, happily subsists between Mexico and the neighboring independents of the south.

It is a fact not generally recollect, that Iturbide now proclaimed emperor of Mexico, has been *de facto* dictator in that kingdom for many years past; hence we may cease to wonder that he has obtained, from the representatives of the people, the present title with some semblance of legitimacy, as the kingly governments of Europe would say. However, the grant of this title to her military chief does not take away one iota of her independence, which is not the least impaired as respects the mother country. It is such a form of government, to be sure, as we should not approve, but in our relations with Mexico, we have nothing to do with that point: they, of course, model their government after their own predilections.—The resolution adopted in our congress on this subject (South American Independence) runs thus:

"Resolved, &c. That the American provinces of Spain which have declared their independence, and are in the actual enjoyment of it, ought to be recognized by the United States as independent nations."

So the imperial government of *Iturbide* has an equal claim with that of Colombia, or any other, to be placed on a footing of friendly diplomatic intercourse with the United States.

Speaking of Iturbide, the National Gazette says he "is the second soldier of fortune who has planted, in our day, the imperial diadem on his brows. An executive of an imposing authority and exterior—the sceptre and the purple,—may be now required in Mexico, to attach the imaginations of the people to the cause of independence, to control factions, and to counteract the anarchical tendencies of her new situation. If Iturbide is a true patriot, and an enlightened man, he may, with resolution and address, introduce order and confidence and accelerate the period of a thorough and lasting political regeneration."

FROM CARACAS.

Our very attentive correspondent and friend at Caracas, to whom we are indebted for so many favours in transmitting us the earliest and most authentic intelligence, will accept our thanks for his politeness. From the mass of news sent, we select the following:

[*Balt. Fed. Repub.*]

Caracas, June 15, 1822.

Frederick G. Schaeffer, esq.

Dear Sir—Yesterday we received the glorious news contained in the enclosed hand bill. The immortal Bolivar acquires new victories and laurels wherever he goes, and in whatever he attempts. The heights of Cariaco, near Quito, bear witness to his valour, where a considerably formidable enemy opposed him, and at the cost of their chief and their best troops was destroyed. Quito is now liberated from her chains, and will add another state to the republic, by the heroic enterprise of president Bolivar, the great. The news from Coro, is written on the back of the hand-bill, which I believe true.

Caracas, June 17, 1822.

On the morning of the 13th instant, the government had the satisfaction to receive from the general of brigade, Lino de Clemente, the first intelligence of the splendid and decisive victory obtained by the armies of Colombia, under the command of his excellency the liberator president, over the Spanish army that defended the capital of Quito, whose precious liberty remains for ever assured.

The publication of the news by proclamation and the illumination of the city for three successive nights, were immediately arranged, together with such other demonstrations of joy as the shortness of the notice would permit. The people of Caracas have celebrated with enthusiasm the news of a battle which, like its sister battles of Boyaca and Carabobo, to which it may at least be compared as to the importance of its consequences, exalts the renown of the republic, immortalizes the valor of her warriors, and binds us by the new ties of gratitude to the hero who conducted them to victory.

REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA.

Department of Zulia,

Marecaibo, 28th May, 1822.

To the intendant ad interim of Venezuela.

This morning I received, by post, from the secretary of state, and of the department of war, the following communications:

"I have the greatest satisfaction in informing you, that H. E. the liberator president, has gained a complete victory over the enemy of Quito. The battle was fought on the 7th April last, on the

heights of Cariaco. The general of brigade, Joseph de Jesus Barreto, has brought this probable intelligence from Popayan, but without giving other details; which he proposes to transmit hereafter. The battle was bloody and the loss considerable for the enemy, who, besides being deprived of their general in chief, Murgeon, by his death, saw the flower of their troops perish. On our side, we know that general Torres and lieutenant colonel J. Paris, were wounded."

I forward the above tidings for your satisfaction. God preserve you many years.

LINO DE CLEMENTE,

Intendant gen. of Zulia.

Caracas, June 15, 1822.

Important intelligence has just reached us, that the army of general Morales, in Coro, has been completely destroyed, and that he, in a fit of desperation, shot himself with a pistol. I believe, however, that he must have been killed in the action. Intrigues have already commenced in the fortress of Porto Cabello, and his fate will, perhaps, soon be decided.

Caracas, June 16, 1822.

By accounts circulated to-day, we are informed that the Spanish frigate Ligera, and brig of war Hercules, have anchored off the castle of Porto Cabello, after having had an encounter with the Patriot squadron in front of that port, in which one of the patriot vessels sustained some damage. The Spanish men of war were from Curaçao with provisions. If this intelligence should prove true, I think the castle will not surrender so soon as was conjectured. The independents stand in great need of a frigate in order to combat the Spanish frigate and brig, and which might easily be done.

HILLSBOROUGH.

Wednesday, July 24.

In addition to the six negroes who were executed at Charleston, on the 2d inst, for attempting to raise an insurrection, five others were condemned by the court of magistrates and freedholders on the 9th to be hung on the 12th for the same offence; three of whom were respite by the governor until the 19th inst.—the other two were executed.

Great Heat.—The Alabama Republican of the 23rd June, states, that at Montgomery the weather has been very dry and hot; the thermometer rising to 108 degrees.—At Tuscaloosa on the 12th the thermometer rose to 101.

Raleigh, July 19.

A melancholy occurrence happened here on the evening of the 4th. At one of those pestes of the city, the habitation of a free negro in the suburbs where slaves and negroes of every description are permitted to dance and frolic, a quarrel arose, and one negro struck another with the standard of a spinning-wheel in which was an iron axle which was forced into his skull. The young negro struck, fell senseless, was carried home and trepanned, but a piece of the skull being forced through the dura mater into the brain, (which was extracted with some difficulty) after lying six days, he died. The fellow who committed the murder has made his escape; but his excellency the governor having issued his proclamation offering a reward of fifty dollars for his apprehension, it is hoped he will be taken and brought to justice.

Register.

A gentleman from Augusta reports that another challenge had passed between col. Cumming and Mr. McDuffie; and that the preliminaries of another combat had been settled before he left that place. Since men are thus madly determined upon fighting, we are almost prepared to echo the sentiment of the following Toast, which was drank on the 4th inst. at Harper's Ferry, in this state:—"More powder to duellists, and less comfort" four hours after receiving their antagonist's ball."

Petersburg Int.

From the Portsmouth, (N. H.) Journal of July 6.

The dulness and monotony of the late fourth of July in this town, was very pleasantly interrupted, for a short time, by a procession of the workmen employed on Portsmouth bridge.—After labouring diligently on the bridge till noon, they arranged themselves under the command of captain Frink, of the engineer department, and shouldering their several tools, marched down in their working dress to the Court House, where some refreshments were provided for them. A body of axmen led the van, preceded by two of their number, bearing a model of a section of the bridge.

These were followed by another division, and armed with hammers and anointing planes, carrying a model of the arch and draw. Next came a body of irregular troops, armed with scythes, and hand-saws, and crowbars, and augers; each man apparently bearing the instrument with which he had just before been at work. It is said that the man who was employed at the grindstone, when the signal was given to leave off work, shouldered that implement and joined

in the procession with great glee—but for this we do not touch. The procession was attended with the usual accompaniments of military music and flags.

New-York, July 19.

Pickpockets.—We understand that the pocket of a gentleman was this morning robbed of a pocket-book, containing about \$4000, as he was in the attitude of receiving a letter from the post office in this city. The perpetrator has not yet been discovered.

Mails Burnt.—We are informed by the postmaster at Poughkeepsie, in this state, that the mails sent from all the towns in that county, except Ossendorp, Lisbon, and Madrid, together with the mails made up at Albany, on the 24th and 25th ult., as well as all others south of Denmark, has been destroyed by a fire which broke out at the post office of Denmark on Sunday the 30th of June.

Extract of a letter from St. Thomas, dated June 3.

"It is now two years since the islands of Curaçao and Aruba have been visited with rains.—The consequence has been very fatal to the planters, who have lost nearly all their cattle.—Plantations which formerly raised considerable quantities of corn, beans, &c. now produce nothing; and flocks of sheep and goats, amounting to 4000 on one plantation, are now reduced to 3 or 400."

York, (Penn.) July 9.

Fire.—On Sunday evening last, during a smart thunder shower, the large barn belonging to Mrs. Hoke, widow of Jacob Hoke, (about five miles south west of this borough,) was struck by lightning, and with its valuable contents, entirely consumed. This is a heavy loss, and may well call forth the public sympathy. The harvest, with the exception of a few loads of rye, had just been got in; when thus, in a moment, a large crop, the reward of much industry, and the stores of the widow and fatherless, was utterly destroyed.

The frequency of these accidents, point out the necessity of erecting conductors. No barn, above all other buildings, should be without them. When most valuable they are in the greatest danger. The steam and moisture arising from the newly stored grain and hay, forms a fatal conductor to the electric fluid, and is without doubt the cause why barns, and especially barns lighted, are so often

A few days ago a woman in Quakake valley, Northampton county, Pa. observed a rattlesnake coiled on a log near the house; she took her husband's rifle out to shoot it, but setting the gun near the end of the log concluded to kill it with a stick, which she effected—then reaching for the rifle and drawing it towards her, the log struck a knot—the gun went off and the ball entered her left side, and came out near the shoulder—she did not fall, but took the rifle into the house and set it up—took her infant from the cradle, and bidding one of the older children to press her hand on the wound to check the effusion of blood, gave suck to her child—thus exemplifying the ruling passion strong in death—the last thought of the mother was associated with the comfort of her little one; a few hours after the woman was a corpse.

Speaking of maternal tenderness, brings an anecdote to my mind related a short time ago to me by a gentleman from the south west, which the reader cannot peruse with indifference, although he may not see how it grows out of the story just told. In Mississippi there was a hunter who used to allure the Doe within reach of his rifle by imitating the cries of the fawn—a simple cry like that of a young lamb—and when the mother was led to the spot by the supposed voice of her young, he would kill her. When the fact was known, a general burst of indignation broke forth against the man. From the most elevated in society to the humblest negro on the neighbouring plantations, there was an universal exclamation against the wretch who could treacherously betray to death, by an appeal to that most sacred of all instincts, the affection of a mother for her offspring. The hunter was obliged solemnly to promise to do so no more, or to abandon his house and his hunting ground.

The feeling excited, and the interposition, were honourable to humanity.

Village Record

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

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A Camp-Meeting will commence at Eno meeting-house, seven miles north of Hillsborough, on the Friday before the first Sabbath in August, and close the Monday following, at which place the friends of Zion are requested to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

July 23.

WAR.

From "Vicissitudes," a poem, in 4 books, by Robert Millhouse, corporal of the Staff of the Royal Sherwood Foresters.

Detested War! thy desolating strife
Sprinkles with blood the gloomy walks of life.
'Tis thy delight to hear the orphan cry,
And to behold the widow's heaving sigh;
To see the father and the husband bleed,
And look with pleasure on each murd'rous deed;

Famine and sickness are to thee allied,
And guilt and outrage riot by thy side:
Grim devastation moves at thy command,
And turns a paradise to heaps of sand!

Ye sons of Adam! when shall reason's ray
Prompt you to drive the demon war away,
And cultivate the sacred arts of peace,
That smile to see the human race increase?
O say, does mother earth (too scant of room)
Compel to chase our neighbors to the tomb?
Millions of acres yet until'd remain,
In forest-wilds, on common, heath and plain,
Where undisturb'd the timid wild owl flies,
And the sweet flow'ret flourishes and dies.
Or is it that the high-born sons of pride
Hate to behold an equal by their side?
Vicissitudes can bring their greatness down,
And mould to dust the sceptre and the crown,
O'er humble life a royal robe can fling,
And lead the shepherd to become a king.

NINETEENTH OF APRIL, 1775

From President Dwight's Travels, the following interesting account of the events of this memorable day is extracted:

CONCORD, will be long remembered as having been partially, the scene of the first military action in the revolutionary war, and the object of an expedition, the first in that chain of events which terminated in the separation of the British colonies from their mother country. A traveller on this spot, particularly an American traveller, will irresistibly call to his mind an event of this magnitude; and cannot fail of being deeply affected by a comparison of so small a beginning, with so mighty an issue. In other circumstances, the expedition to Concord and the contest which ensued, would have been, merely, little tales of wonder and woe, chiefly recited by the parlors of the neighborhood to their circles at the time commanding a momentary attention of the world, and calling forth the tear of sorrow from the eyes of those who were intimately connected with the sufferers. Now, the same events preface the history of a nation, and the beginning of an empire, and are themes of disquisition and astonishment to the civilized world. From the plains of Concord, will henceforth be dated a change in human affairs; an alteration in the balance of human power; and a new direction to the course of human improvement. May, from the events which have occurred here, will, in some respects, assume a new character, and experience, in some respects, a new destiny.

General Gage, to whom was committed one of the most unfortunate trusts ever allotted to an individual, having obtained information that a considerable quantity of arms and military stores was by order of the provincial congress, deposited in this town, sent lieut. col. Smith, and maj. Pitcairn, at the head of eight hundred grenadiers and light infantry, with orders to march to Concord, and destroy the deposit. The troops were accordingly embarked from the common in Boston, and landed on the opposite shore in Cambridge, at a place called Phipps's farm. Thence they marched by the shortest route to this town.

An expedition of this nature had for some time been expected. Certain intelligence of it had been obtained the preceding afternoon by Dr. Warren, who afterwards fell in the battle of Breed's Hill, and was forwarded by him with the utmost celerity to the intervening towns, particularly to Lexington, where were at that time Mr. Hancock and Mr. Adams—both afterwards governors of Massachusetts. As these gentlemen were supposed to be the principal objects of the expedition, the express who carried the intelligence, (col. Paul Revere, and Mr. Wm. Dawes) were particularly directed to them.—They reached Lexington, which is four miles from Concord, in such season, that Messrs. Hancock and Adams made their escape. Here however the express was stopped by the British, as they were advancing towards Concord; but Dr. Prescott, a young gentleman to whom they had communicated their message, escaped and alarmed the inhabitants of Concord.

The British troops reached Lexington at five o'clock in the morning. Here they found about 70 militia, and 40 unarmed spectators, by the side of the church. Maj. Pitcairn rode up to them, and cried out with vehemence, "Disperse you rebels!—throw down your arms and disperse!" As this command was not immediately obeyed, he discharged a pistol and ordered his soldiers to fire upon the inhabitants. The soldiers fired, and the people instantly fled. The soldiers, however, continued to fire at individuals. This at length provoked a return, and several were killed on both sides. Still the troops continued their march towards Concord, where they arrived early in the morning. For the purpose of defense, the inhabitants had drawn themselves up in a kind of order, but upon discovering the number of the enemy, withdrew over the North Bridge, half a mile below the church, where they waited for reinforcements. The soldiers then broke open, and scattered about sixty barrels of flour, disabled two twenty-four pounders, destroyed the carriages of about twenty cannon, and threw five hundred pounds of ball into the river and neighboring wells. The principal part of the stores, however, was not discovered.

After this work was completed, the troops advanced to the bridge, in order to disperse the Americans. Major Butterick, of Concord, who commanded the militia, being ignorant of the tragedy at Lexington, had directed his men not to begin the fire. As he advanced with his party, the light infantry began to pull up the bridge; and as he approached, fired and killed two Americans, one of them a captain Davis of Action, in the neighborhood. The fire was instantly returned, and they were compelled to retreat. Several of them were killed, several wounded and a few taken prisoners.

The party was pursued, and after they had rejoined the main body, the whole retired with the utmost expedition. On their way to Lexington, they were continually harassed by an irregular and not ill-directed fire, from the buildings and walls on their route. Every moment increased the number of their assailants, and their own fatigue, distresses and danger. Upon the first intelligence that the Americans had taken themselves to arms, general sent a second detachment to the relief of lieut. col. Smith, under the command of Lord Percy. It amounted to nine hundred men, and marched from Boston with two field pieces, their music playing the tune of Yankee Doodle, to insult the Americans. As they were passing through Roxbury, a young man, who was making himself merry on the occasion, being asked, as is said, by his lordship, why he laughed so heartily, replied, "to think how you will dance by and by to Chevy-chace."

This detachment joined their friends at Lexington, where the whole body rested for a short time, and with their field pieces kept the Americans at a distance. The neighboring country was now in arms, and moving both to attack the enemy, and to intercept their retreat. The troops therefore speedily recommended their march.—From both sides of the road issued a continual fire, directed often by excellent marksmen, and particularly dangerous to the officers. Major Pitcairn thought it prudent to quit his horse and lose himself among the soldiery. Every where the retreating army was pursued and flanked. Their enemies descended from every new hill, and poured through every new valley. Perplexed by a mode of fighting to which they were strangers, and from which neither valor nor their discipline furnished any security; exhausted by fatigue, and without a hope of succor, the troops wisely withdrew from impending destruction with the utmost celerity. In their retreat, however, they set fire to several houses, plundered whatever pleased their fancy, or gratified their avarice; and killed several unarmed persons, particularly two old men, whose hoary locks plead for compassion in vain. Bunker's Hill, which they reached about sunset, was the first place of safety and repose in their march. The next day they returned to Boston.

In their expedition, the British had 63 killed, 186 wounded, and 28 made prisoners—273. Among the wounded were 15 officers, one of them lieut. col. Smith. Of the Americans, 50 were killed, 34 wounded, and 4 missing—88. Several gentlemen of reputation fell in this conflict, and were regarded as martyrs in the cause of freedom and their country.

Such was the issue of this memorable day; and such the commencement

of the revolutionary war in the United States.

FOURTH OF JULY.

We copy the following article from the Family Visitor, with a hope that it may awaken a profitable train of thought. The birthday of our independence has yearly been celebrated by multitudes in riotous mirth and thoughtless intemperance and dissipation, which enervate the body and debase the mind—indulgences which little accord with the duty we owe to that Supreme Being from whose bounty we have derived the great political blessings we would commemorate. These abuses we must regret; but while reflecting on them, it is gratifying to learn that in many places the last return of this anniversary was celebrated with prayer and thanksgiving to the God who hath thus blessed us, and a temperate enjoyment of the bountiful gifts of his providence. May this practice be extended, and while we congratulate ourselves on the possession of so many and such exalted privileges, let our hearts be filled with gratitude and praise to the Author of all these blessings.

Few events are recorded in the history of the world more interesting or instructive than the establishment of our national independence. From its causes, and its consequences, lessons of wisdom may be learned by the statesman, the philosopher and the christian. When we review, as we ought frequently to do, the long train of events in Europe, which tended to develop the principles of civil and religious freedom; when we read the history of our country and compare its present state with its condition and prospects fifty years since; and when we consider what effects our independence has already produced and is likely to produce hereafter to the nations of both hemispheres, we are constrained to acknowledge that this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Although we cannot too much admire the patriotism, the valour, the integrity and wisdom displayed by the principal actors in our revolutionary contest, we ought ever to remember that wisdom and power and goodness infinitely superior to theirs were engaged on our behalf; and that He alone, who ruleth in the armies of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth, is the author of all the civil, social and religious blessings which we now enjoy. Nor should we forget, that when, as a nation, we cease to regard them as his gifts which we are bound to use for the promotion of his glory and the happiness of man, when we glory in them as the result of our own superior wisdom or policy, when we abuse and pervert them to the increase of immorality and vice, they will be taken from us. For we are justified, both by the language of inspiration and the history of nations, in the belief, that although this is a state of probation and not of righteous retribution with regard to individuals, yet national sin never fails to be punished with national calamities. This being so, every individual who indulges himself in profanity, intemperance, gambling, or immorality of any description, whatever may be his professions of patriotism, is an enemy to his country; is subverting its liberties, and preparing the way for its destruction. In what light then shall we view those honourable characters, who despise the laws of their country, wrast from it the sword of public justice, substitute revenge for the sanction of its laws, sap the foundation of civil society, and exert all their influence to reduce mankind to a state of nature? And on the principle that a moral government is exercised over nations as well as individuals, it is worthy of serious consideration, whether the celebration of American Independence, as it is usually conducted, is calculated to prolong its existence; whether the sentiments of patriotism, then excited, are sufficiently powerful and permanent to counteract the effects of those vices in which so many think themselves privileged, on such occasions, to indulge. The scenes of riot and dissipation, then exhibit as proofs of patriotism, are sufficient to create a suspicion of its genuineness,—to induce the belief that the gratification of selfish appetites and passions is the grand object in view, while it is concealed under a more honourable appellation. A spectator, without any great effort of the imagination, might fancy himself surrounded by the enthusiastic votaries of Bacchus, exclaiming in the language of Atheism, *let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die; let us enjoy, while we live, those pleasures and blessings which ourselves and our fathers have procured by our own wisdom and power.* How often are we reminded, on these occasions, of the impious speech of a heathen

king in reference to a distinguished blessing—the river is mine and I made it! Thus the most valuable gifts are abused, while the giver is forgotten, his providence denied, or his name blasphemed. Surely these things ought not so to be. They are disgraceful to a christian nation—they are inconsistent with the dignity of man. Let no one conclude from these remarks that I disapprove of the celebration of our independence. The return of the day on which our fathers, relying on the support of heaven and the co-operation of their countrymen, pledged to each other their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honour in the cause of freedom, is calculated to awaken in our hearts emotions of joy and gratitude; nor is it improper for us to rejoice publicly and as a nation in the number, extent, and continuance of our national blessings. But let our joy, and every expression of it whether private or public, be consistent with temperance, with humility, with a sense of our dependence, with the exercise of benevolence, with the encouragement of virtue and the suppression of vice.

Independence.—The anniversary of the day on which our National Independence was formally declared, is very properly set apart for the indulgence of those emotions which it is calculated to excite. It affords an appropriate opportunity to review the blessings with which our country has been distinguished, and for invigorating patriotic feelings.

It is to be regretted, however, that the day has so frequently been commemorated in a manner little consonant with the true purposes and uses of such a celebration. Too often has it been characterized by noisy and intemperate festivity, and thoughtless dissipation; giving no opportunity for profitable reflection, and leaving no salutary impression, to exalt moral feelings, or strengthen political principles.

We are, therefore, gratified to perceive, that the celebration of the day, by appropriate religious services, is becoming more common.—Our first tribute of gratitude is due to the "Lord of Sabaoth;" and while assembled in His temple, and offering to Him the antemn of praise, our patriotic feelings will acquire more purity and energy, by becoming associated with pious recollections.

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From the Baltimore Morning Chronicle.

Fudge! said my father to me one day, when I told him that I had made up my mind to marry Miss Q. How do you know she'll have you boy? Have you popped the question yet? What do you mean sir, (said I,) by popping the question? Pot (said my father,) if that's all you know about courting, be assured you'll live single all your life—go and ask the girl if she knows what it means.

As I had long indulged a passion for Miss Q. I had hopes from my favorable reception, of making her my wife; but never had the courage to ask her to have me. Often had I sat down, and wrote the most eloquent speeches, which I carefully committed to memory, for the purpose of making my love known to her; but my heart always failed me when the time came for their delivery. At this time long boots were worn, the tassels of which were torn to pieces, and the ends of my fingers bit to the quick, while making an effort to deliver my address. My throat always became dry, and my memory failed me so, that I could neither think of what I wished to say, nor speak if I had thought. Every moment I fixed the next for the time to begin, but to no purpose; for I was dumb until my fair one would break the silence, by asking me the news or offering me "a penny for my thoughts." One evening as we sat upon the sofa, it occurred to my mind, the conversation which I had with my father, and I accordingly asked Miss Q. what the meaning of popping the question was? She hesitated a moment, and after recovering from a little embarrassment, very significantly observed, "I expected that was what brought you so often to our house. Before I can have you, you must ask father and mother; and if they have no objection, I'll"—what? I exclaimed, have me?—"yes." O what a simpleton (thought I,) have I been. A young lady unacquainted with the world, that she should have given herself away to a man, whose ignorance denied him all the pleasure of courtship! I could not sit, but got up and went home ashamed of myself, almost determined not to marry, because I had not asked my mistress to have me.

When I reached home, I told my father what had happened. He laughed heartily at me, and said that he knew how it would turn out. Be as

sured my boy (said he,) the girls are not such hard hearted creatures, as the men choose to make them appear; and if young men would, instead of their sonnets and love sick ditties, address them with, Miss will you have me, there would be very few of your three and four years courtships.—Pop the question right away.

EXPERIENCE.

Curious circumstance in Natural History. Related by a gentleman of veracity, learning, and abilities, who fills a considerable post in the Company's service in India, dated Patna in Bengal, Sept. 24, 1788.

The travelling Faqir... in this country are a kind of superstitious devotees, who pretend to great zeal in religion, but are in fact the most vicious and profligate wretches in the world. They wander about the country here, as the Gypsies do with you, and having some little smattering of physicks, music, or other arts, they introduce themselves by these means wherever they go. One of them called a few days ago at my house, who had a beautiful large snake in a basket which he made rise up and dance about to the tune of a pipe on which he played. It happened that my out house and farm-yard had for some time been infested with snakes, which had killed me several turkeys, a fowls, a sow, and even a cow, a bullock. My servants asked this man whether he could pipe snakes out of their holes, and catch them? He answered them in the affirmative, and they carried him instantly to the place where one of the snakes had been. He began piping, and in a short time the snake came dancing to him; the fellow caught him by the nape of his neck, and brought him to me. As I was incredulous, I did not go to see this first operation; but as he took this reptile so expeditiously, and I still suspected some trick, I desired him to go and catch another, and went with him myself to observe his motions. He began piping, come out of his hole, not be angry, others cut his throat and I cannot swear that... and understood this election. He then began piping, his might, lest the snake deal; he had not minutes, when

Covine Capello (the kind of serpent) popped out of a hole in the room, and saw his nose, he applied to him, and piped gently, till the snake was half out, and ready to strike at him; he then piped with hand, and advanced the snake as it was ready to make the spring. Whistled at his body, he hit at his tail, which he evaded dexterously and held the creature very fast without the least apprehension of being bit, until my servant dispatched it. I had often heard the story of snakes being charmed out of their holes by music; but never believed it, till I had thisocular demonstration of the fact.—In the space of an hour the Faqir caught five very venomous snakes close about my house.

*That this method of charming the serpents was practised at a very early period of antiquity, appears from the abusion of the Holy Psalmist, in the 4th and 5th verse of the 55th Psalm.

SAVAGE COURTSHIP.

The first act of courtship of a New Zealander, is to knock down his beloved with a club, and then drag her from her friends into the wood. There is at least no hypocrisy in the mode of behaviour, and we really think it almost as becoming and creditable as first vowing to cherish and protect a woman, and then knock her down, sometimes even with a club in the New Zealand style, and at others by the more civilized and circuitous, but not less efficacious way of neglect and ill treatment. The latter mode, as we all know, may be safely practised by the most accomplished gentlemen in Europe, to the entire satisfaction of many honourable, right honourable, and most illustrious personages; among whom, it is boldly maintained, are to be found some who are in the daily practice of "all the domestic virtues." This, as the Dutch showman says, is indeed "the wonder of wonders!"

We err, when we say that rambling in the woods is the state of nature. Man is a social animal, and his natural state is civilization.